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TEXT:

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CONFRONT AUSTRALIAN PM

TEXT OF REPORT BY RADIO AUSTRALIA ON 8 JUNE

THE FATHER OF AN AUSTRALIAN MAN WHO IS ACCUSED OF BEING A
FIGHTER FOR AFGHANISTAN'S FORMER TALEBAN REGIME HAS STAGED A
DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE THE LIBERAL PARTY'S NATIONAL CONVENTION. AS
LACHLAN PARKER REPORTS, **DAVID HICKS'S** FATHER, TERRY, TRIED CONFRONT
PRIME MINISTER JOHN HOWARD. [PARKER] EVER SINCE HIS SON WAS CAPTURED IN
AFGHANISTAN, TERRY HICKS HAS BEEN TRYING TO LOBBY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
TO HAVE HIM FREED FROM US DETENTION AT GUANTANAMO BAY. BUT AFTER A TRIP TO
CANBERRA RECENTLY FAILED TO SECURE A MEETING, MR HICKS USED THE LIBERAL
PARTY CONVENTION IN ADELAIDE [WHERE HE LIVES] TO MAKE HIS POINT - SITTING IN A
HOME-MADE CAGE OUTSIDE THE FRONT DOOR OF THE CENTRE. HIS LAWYER IS STEPHEN
KENNY:

[KENNY] THIS CAGE REPRESENTS THE CAGE IN WHICH DAVID HAS SPENT
MOST OF THE LAST 510 DAYS. [PARKER] MR HOWARD AVOIDED A CONFRONTATION,
ENTERING THE CONVENTION THROUGH ANOTHER DOOR. BUT MR HICKS HOPES THE
MESSAGE GETS THROUGH. [HICKS] WELL, WE PROBABLY WON'T BE HEARD, BUT WE'LL
BE SEEN, AND I THINK WE'VE JUST GOT TO GET THAT POINT ACROSS TO HIM - THAT HE
SHOULDN'T BE THERE, LET'S GET HIM BACK HERE AND DEAL WITH IT.

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